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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims of this application are further amended to reflect telephone discussions between the undersigned and Examiner Vu on May 21 and 29, 2007.

Claims 20 – 24 are amended and re-formatted into a separate sub-paragraph style for each of the variables; grammar has also been corrected by adding “is” where appropriate.

Values for “n” have been added to claims 21, 23 and 24. In claim 21, n is 1, 2 or 3; in claim 23, n is 1 or 2 (if D is N or P, n is 2 and if D is O or S then n is 1); and in claim 24, n is 0, 1, 2 or 3 (as a larger value of n will conflict with the 18 electron rule as discussed in this application).

In claim 21 the possibility of A₁ and A₂ being monoacidic has been deleted at the Examiner’s request as these substituents are regarded to be bases.

In claim 21 Ar with its single position available for attachment is deleted as it cannot be regarded as a bridging group.

In claim 23 the ligand shown in the formula at line 12 is defined as a “spectator” ligand in the manner of claim 22.

Various typing errors (spelling of “ligand” in claim 21, adding a hyphen in line 1 of claim 28) are corrected.

Claims 32 – 35, product-by-process claims assessed as to the patentability of the product, are deleted in order to reduce issues as the examiner did not regard these claims to be novel.

It is submitted that upon entry of this amendment all claims will be in condition for allowance. If this is not the case the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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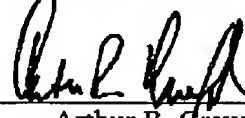
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